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STATUS OF PROJECTS

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STATUS OF PROJECTS

1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(January 3, 1949 - January 17, 1949)

CURRENT POSITION OF THE U. S. RESPECTING DELIVERY
OF AID TO CHINA
(See Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, dated
January 5, 1949)

NSC 26/2 SANACC 398/4
(See NSC Action No. 167)

RETENTION OF U. S. FOOTHOLD AT SHANGHAI
(See NSC Action No. 168 and Memo for NSC from Executive
Secretary, dated January 13, 1949)

REGULAR ORAL INTELLIGENCE PRESENTATIONS
(See NSC Action No. 170)

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE
USE OF U. S. MILITARY POWER IN GREECE
(See NSC Action No. 173)

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD CHINA
(NSC 34/1)

At its 9th Meeting the Council agreed that an over-all report on the subject should be prepared and requested the Department of State to draft the initial report. State's draft was circulated as NSC 34, October 13, 1948, to the Council for information and referred to the Staff for preparation of a report. At its 26th Meeting the Council discussed a preliminary draft report prepared by the NSC Staff and referred it back to the Staff for revision in the light of the discussion at the Meeting. A final Staff draft report was concurred in by the Consultants on January 10, 1949, and submitted to the Council on January 11. To be scheduled for discussion at an early Council Meeting.

THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN

This subject is under continuous consideration by the NSC. (See Section 6 for status of project on Germany.)

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN
(Memo for NSC from Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 27, 1948)

An amendment to paragraph 5 of NSC 13/2, proposed by the Secretary of the Army, submitted by memo of December 27 for Council consideration. Approved by Defense, Army, Navy, Air, NSRB. Proposed State amendment to Army proposal submitted by memo of January 17. Awaiting approval by other Council members of State's amendment. (See Section 5 for current status regarding paragraph 20 of NSC 13/2.)

COLLECTION OF FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DATA
(Memo for NSC from Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 27, 1948)

A proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive submitted to the Council, September 21, was disapproved by the Secretary of Defense and returned with his views and those of the Chairman, NSRB, for reconsideration by the Director of CIA and the Intelligence Advisory Committee. A substitute NSCID was submitted by memo on December 27 for Council consideration. Approved by State, Defense, Army, Navy and NSRB. Awaiting action by Air.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd)

USE OF U. S. ARMED FORCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVACUATION
OF U. S. CITIZENS IN CHINA

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject,
dated January 3, 1949)

Departments of State and Navy propose deletion of subparagraph c of NSC Action 156. Submitted to Council by memo of January 3. Approved by State, Defense, Army, Navy and NSRB. Awaiting action by Air.

DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN UNION

(Memo for the Secretaries of State and Defense, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 29, 1948; NSC 9/5 and memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 8, 1948; and NSC 9/6)

At the suggestion of the Secretary of Defense the Department of State and the JCS were requested to prepare reports on developments with respect to Western Union and the military conversations in London respectively for consideration by the Council at an early meeting. Report by State circulated for information of the Council, November 8, as NSC 9/5. Report by the JCS circulated for information of the Council, November 29 as NSC 9/6. Awaiting further Council discussion at an appropriate date.

THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(NSC 17/3)

The Conclusions of a report on the above subject (NSC 17/1) were approved by the Council at its 17th Meeting. On September 16, 1948, the Council, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, approved a directive to SANACC which requested SANACC to take appropriate action on internal security and to make recommendations to the Council on problems requiring Presidential consideration. A report from SANACC (SANACC 401/1) requesting further guidance was submitted to the Council as NSC 17/3 on November 16 together with correspondence by the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General. Further correspondence by the Attorney General and the Air Force member of SANACC submitted for consideration in connection with NSC 17/3 by Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, NSC, same subject, dated November 26, 1948. To be scheduled for consideration at an early Council meeting.

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3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR WARTIME INFORMATION PROGRAM

(Ref. NSC 4 and NSC 10 Series; SANACC 304/6 and 304/14; Memo for Consultants from Acting Executive Secretary, dated December 28, 1948)

To provide a basis for a report to the Council on the above subject, the NSC Staff requested the Department of State to prepare an amendment to NSC 4 with respect to planning responsibilities for wartime implementation of NSC 4 in the light of the recommendations of SANACC (SANACC 304/6) and the JCS (SANACC 304/14). By memo of October 5 the Secretary of Defense urged that the NSC Staff submit its report for Council consideration at the earliest possible date. A draft report was submitted on October 21 for consideration by the Consultants. Air disapproved and presented a substitute draft report. Amendments proposed by State, Army, Navy and NSRB were incorporated by the NSC Staff in a redraft which was presented, along with the Air draft, to the Consultants for reconsideration at a meeting on November 29. The draft was revised by the NSC Staff in the light of the discussion at the meeting and returned to the Consultants on December 3. A further draft report by the Staff, incorporating the views of the Consultants on the December 3 draft, was submitted to the Consultants on December 28. Concurred in by Navy and NSRB, December 31; by State, January 4. Awaiting action by Army and Air.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued February 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA (NSC 12)

Study of this subject, submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council, distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff prepared a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council, presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7; by NSRB, July 12. State changes of August 4 and Army change of July 6 incorporated in a revision submitted August 4 for further consideration by the Consultants. Army changes submitted August 30. State action being deferred pending related developments.

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4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

MEASURES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE U. S. OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE USSR

(Ref. NSC 20/4; NSC 35; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, dated January 11, 1949)

On the basis of the statement of U. S. risks and objectives with respect to the USSR (NSC 20/4) as adopted by the Council and approved by the President, the Staff is making final revisions to its preliminary draft of the specific measures required to achieve those objectives, pursuant to NSC Action No. 88 b. In this connection the Staff has considered the views of the JCS on military commitments which were circulated as NSC 35 for Council information and Staff use. Staff draft report presented to Consultants January 11. Referred back to the Staff for revisions in the light of the discussion at the Consultants' meeting on January 17. Awaiting Staff report.

UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA

(NSC Action No. 169; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 5, 1949 and December 28, 1948 respectively; NSC 37)

Letter from the Acting Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of Defense (December 28 memo) and proposals by the Army and Navy Departments (January 5 memo) discussed at 31st NSC Meeting and referred to the NSC Staff for the preparation of a report on the subject as a matter of urgency. Staff directed to consider also NSC 37 and comments of the Department of State on the Army and Navy proposals. Awaiting Staff report.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO GREECE AND TURKEY

(NSC Action No. 157; NSC 36)

At its 30th Meeting the Council directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report for early consideration by the Council on the position of the U. S. with respect to Greece and Turkey, taking into consideration NSC 36, SANACC 358/7 and 358/8, the previous NSC Staff draft paper of April 27 on Turkey and such other studies on the subject as may be appropriate. After preliminary discussion by the Staff the State Department was requested to prepare a draft report. Awaiting State report.

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IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd)

RE-APPRAISAL BY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF UNITED STATES
POLICY WITH RESPECT TO KOREA

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 17, 1949; NSC 8)

Proposal by the Acting Secretary of State for a re-appraisal and if necessary a re-definition of the position of the United States with respect to Korea, circulated for the information of the Council on January 17, 1949 and referred to the NSC Staff as a matter of urgency for the preparation of a report. Awaiting Staff report.

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5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(NSC Actions Nos. 104, 128 and 171; NSC 29)

At its 19th Meeting the Council directed the Director of Central Intelligence to refer to the Office of Special Projects the problem of a specific plan for the security of strategically important industrial operations in Venezuela, and to report the plan to the Council. This directive was subsequently amended to request report by CIA but not by Office of Special Projects (NSC Action No. 128). Report by the Joint Staff, "Security of Venezuelan Oil Production Area", referred by the NSC (NSC Action No. 171) to the Director of CIA for consideration in connection with the plan being prepared by CIA. Awaiting report from the Director of Central Intelligence.

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN

(NSC 13/1 and 13/2; NSC Action No. 117 c (2).)

At its 23rd Meeting on October 7 the Council adopted NSC 13/1, subject to amendments and agreed that paragraphs 5, 9 and 20 should be submitted separately. (NSC Action No. 117.) Approved report circulated as NSC 13/2. Paragraph 5 adopted as of October 26, and paragraph 9, as of November 19 by NSC Actions Nos. 138 and 143 respectively. Awaiting a joint report by the Secretaries of State, Defense and the Army on paragraph 20. (See Section 2 for status of proposed amendment to paragraph 5.)

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA

(NSC 19/1; NSC 19/2; Memo for Secretary of State from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 15, 1948)

At its 17th Meeting August 5, the NSC reviewed and discussed the subject but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations referred to by the Department of State in NSC 19/2. As suggested by the Secretary of Defense in the reference memo, the Department of State was requested to prepare a progress report summarizing implementation of NSC 19/1, setting forth any suggestions concerning changes in NSC 19/1 as a basis for reconsideration by the NSC of the policies approved in that report. Awaiting report from State.

OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd)

CIA SURVEY

At its 5th Meeting, January 13, 1948, the NSC approved a resolution authorizing a survey of the organization, activities and personnel of CIA and nominated for consideration by the President, three individuals to conduct the survey. These three Consultants were appointed February 13, 1948. By March 12, 1948, Secretaries of State, Army, Navy, and Air Force had concurred in terms of reference for the survey group. Two interim reports have been submitted: No. 1, [redacted]

[redacted] dated April 30, 1948, and correspondence relating thereto was noted by the NSC as of August 30, 1948; and No. 2, "Relations Between Secret Operations and Secret Intelligence", dated May 13, 1948, was considered by the NSC in connection with the NSC 10 Series. Conferences between Survey Group and heads of CIA and other Intelligence activities in the Government were held on November 22 and 23 to receive suggestions and recommendations from the latter prior to completion of the Survey Group's report. Final report by the Survey Group completed and in the process of reproduction.

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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY (NSC Action No. 113, b)

At its 21st Meeting, the Council agreed that the Department of State should prepare a draft report for reference to the NSC Staff on the position of the U. S. with respect to Germany in the event that current Berlin negotiations are unsuccessful. State has deferred its report until the situation with respect to Berlin has been clarified.

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration has been deferred until after NSC action on the NSC 35 Series.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On December 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued March 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed at the request of the Department of State, pending the outcome of current developments in this area.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued March 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration at the request of the Department of State.

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